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INVENTION NAME: THE WHISTLER'S BEST FRIEND
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(f) **BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.** The Whistler's Best Friend is an accessory device to a common tea kettle. Its design is primarily for the heating of milk, for use with latte type coffees. It consists of a holed, tapered rubber stopper through which passes a length of metal tubing. The stopper with tubing is placed in the exhaust spout of the steam producing pot, i.e., common tea kettle. The exiting steam is then vented through the metal tubing. The discharge end of the tubing is placed into a cup, pot or other vessel containing a substance to be heated, i.e., milk, cream, gravies, sauces, etc.. This invention is easily used, cleaned and stored, in stark contrast to the steam producing devices previously used, i.e., steam pot and exhaust port of an expresso machine.

(g) **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).** In Figure 1A, the invention is shown from the side in an assembled condition. A bent metal tube (1) is placed through a centered hole in the rubber stopper (2). In Figure 1B, the invention is shown placed into the pouring spout (3) of a common tea kettle (4). In Figure 1C, the steam (5) produced by the heated water (6) is dispersed through the metal tube (1) into a separate receptacle (7), where heat transfer occurs to the substance (8) in the secondary receptacle (7).

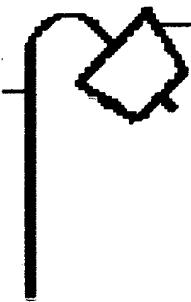


Figure 1A

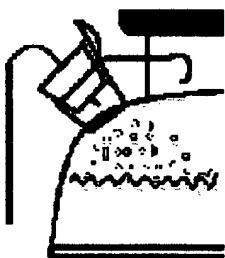


Figure 1B

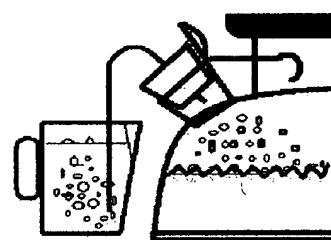


Figure 1C

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(h) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION. The invention is assembled using two simple components. The first component is a tapered rubber stopper with a centered hole. The second is a length of metal tubing with a bend to allow a downward discharge of the steam produced by a common tea kettle heated by a heat source. The short side of the metal tubing outside of the radius of the bend is inserted into the wider side of the tapered rubber stopper. This completes the assembly. For use, the narrow end of the tapered rubber stopper is placed into the pouring spout of a common tea kettle. The steam produced by the heated water in the tea kettle is then redirected out through the metal tube. A secondary vessel with a substance to be heated by the redirected steam is then placed under the vented end of the metal tube.

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